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ASSIGNMENT OF A NUMBER OF SUPPLIES TO A NUMBER OF
DEMANDERS"

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. patent application corresponds to EP 03 720 426.0. An office action was issued by the European Patent Office on April 15, 2010 for EP 03 720 426.0 and a copy is attached. The European Examiner cited ASHOK KUMAR V K ET AL: "Use of Petri Nets for Resource Allocation in Projects" IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT, IEEE INC. New York, US, vol. 45, no. 1, 1 February 1998 (1988-02-1), XP011019208 ISSN: 0018-9391 as being relevant. However, the claims in the European application differ from those in Application No. 10/510,353. Moreover, the standards for software patentability in Europe are markedly different from those in the United States. Nonetheless, the Applicant has listed the above cited reference on the attached copy of Form PTO/SB/08a and included a copy of said reference for the Examiner's review. The Examiner is requested to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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